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RAJYA SABHA

The following Bill was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd August, 1971:—

Bill No. XXII of 1971

A Bill to amend the Arms Act, 1959.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Twenty-second Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Arms (Amendment) Act, 1971. Short title.

54 of 1959.

2. In section 2 of the Arms Act, 1959, in sub-section (1), for clause (*d*), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:— Amendment of section 2.

'(*d*) "district magistrate", in relation to any area for which a Commissioner of Police has been appointed, means the Commissioner of Police thereof and includes any such Deputy Commissioner of Police, exercising jurisdiction over the whole or any part of such area, as may be specified by the State Government in this behalf in relation to such area or part;'.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

According to the definition of "district magistrate" in section 2(1) (d) of the Arms Act, 1959, only the Commissioner of Police of a Presidency-town or the city of Hyderabad can exercise the powers of a district magistrate under that Act. Since the passing of the Act in 1959, Commissioners of Police have been appointed for certain cities other than presidency-towns and the city of Hyderabad. It is possible that Commissioners of Police may be appointed in future for more cities also. In view of the changed set-up, it is not possible for the Commissioners of Police of cities other than presidency-towns and the city of Hyderabad to exercise the powers of a district magistrate under the Act. In order to enable such Commissioners of Police also to exercise such powers, it is considered necessary to suitably amend the definition of district magistrate in section 2 (1) (d) of the Act. In big cities, Deputy Commissioners of Police have also been appointed to assist the Commissioners of Police. In order to enable the Deputy Commissioners of Police also to exercise the powers of district magistrate under the Act, it is proposed to empower the State Government to specify any Deputy Commissioner of Police who shall exercise such powers.

The Bill seeks to achieve the above object.

NEW DELHI;
The 5th July, 1971.

R. N. MIRDHA.

ANNEXURE

EXTRACT FROM THE ARMS ACT, 1959

(54 OF 1959)

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2. (*1*) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

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(*d*) "district magistrate", in relation to a presidency-town or the city of Hyderabad, means the Commissioner of Police thereof; Definitions and interpretation.

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B. N. BANERJEE,
Secretary.

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